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TRAINING

1. AS OF 30 SEPT 73 APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD OF FLYING PHASE OF U-2R CHECK-OUT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THESE INITIAL FLIGHTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE MOST CRITICAL IN THE U-2 TRAINING PROGRAM AND THE MOST DIFFUCULT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE TRAINEE. THESE FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY WHATSOEVER BY [REDACTED] NOW UNDERGOING TRAINING HERE.

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2. [REDACTED] HAS FLOWN 7 TRAINING SORTIES IN THE U-2R, 3 LOW AND 4 HIGH. HE HAS 21 HOURS AND 29 LANDINGS.

3. [REDACTED] HAS FLOWN 6 SORTIES, 3 LOW AND 3 HIGH, AND HAS 18.7 HOURS AND 28 LANDINGS.

4. BOTH PILOTS HAVE ADAPTED EASILY TO THE RATHER UNIQUE FLYING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE U-2. THEIR LANDINGS HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY JUDGED GOOD TO EXCELLENT EVEN WHEN COMPARED TO EXPERIENCED U-2 PILOTS.

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5. ALTHOUGH ONLY A FEW HIGH ALTITUDE NAVIGATION TRAINING MISSIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED THUS FAR NEITHER PILOT HAS HAD ANY DIFFICULTY STAYING ON TRACK OR OPERATING THE VARIOUS SYSTEMS CARRIED ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT.

6. AT THIS TIME WE FEEL CERTAIN THAT [REDACTED] WILL SUCCESSFULLY FINISH THE TRAINING PROGRAM ON 25 OCT 73. WE BELIVE THE EXCELLENT PROGRESS OF BOTH PILOTS IS DUE NOT ONLY TO THE OUTSTANDING ABILITY OF THE PILOTS, BUT ALSO TO THE ADVANTAGE GAINED FROM THE

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